

TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN SHARES - CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Program Description:

Wisconsin Shares is a child care subsidy program. Counties and participating tribes are responsible for certifying providers, setting reimbursement rates, authorizing child care services, and reimbursing providers.

Client Group Served:

Wisconsin Shares serves all eligible families. Parents eligible for a subsidy from Wisconsin Shares can choose any child care provider who is certified or licensed. Families whose gross income is equal to or less than 185 percent of the federal poverty limit meet the income requirements. Once found eligible, the family may continue to receive assistance until their income exceeds 200 percent of poverty for two consecutive months.

Families with child care needs are eligible for child care subsidies for children under age 13, if they also meet at least one the following non-financial eligibility standards: the parent is working, is less than 20 years of age and is enrolled in high school or a high school equivalency program, is participating in any of the W-2 subsidized employment or training programs, or participating in employment skills training and is employed, is participating in Food Stamp Employment and Training work experience or job search or the parent is a W-2 applicant participating in up-front job search, training, or orientation activities.

Critical Indicators:

Over 15,000 Wisconsin low-income working families receive the subsidy each month. The average subsidy amount per child each year is \$4,500.

TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$224,000,000